

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, March 16, 2009, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy. Council Member Jim Mann was absent.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on Monday, March 2, 2008, a motion was made by Council member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council member Eric Storm, to approve the minutes as presented. Three ayes, one abstained, motion carried.

An addition was added to the Agenda: Recreation and Passion of Christ Parade Route

Citizen Participation

1. Centennial Celebration – Monticello Churches

Pastor Merle Hodges addressed the Council with the activity being planned next month for the Centennial Celebration. The Monticello churches are in charge for the month of April. The Christian, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches were here in the 30's. They are planning an old fashion ice cream social on the last Sunday in April, which is April 26, 2009, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Zion Bethel Church. They are looking for 1930's memorabilia and people who grew up in that era to speak.

2. March Disability Awareness Month – Ken Kersey

March is Disability Awareness Month. Ken Kersey addressed the Council on this issue. Laws are changing to enforce businesses to allow Seeing Eye dogs into their businesses. Disabled Vets in Texas are on a 250 mile hike for a new Veterans Hospital. He has been working with the Council and Mayor to improve handicapped parking, etc., issues in the City. Mayor Thompson thanked him for his time and effort.

3. March for Babies April 18, 2009 Traffic Control

Mayor Thompson stated that Jim Bolen is the Chair for this event. Police Chief Curt Blount will provide traffic control. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the parade route for the March for Babies on April 18, 2009, seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. Four ayes, motion carried.

4. Recreation and Passion of Christ Parade Route

Mrs. Harmon, representative from Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, stated that they are requesting permission to hold a parade. They are putting on a Passion reenactment. It has been held in the past in the parking lot of the church. They would

like to hold a parade this year. They are requesting a one block area of the City streets. They want to start on Main, to Ohio, to Bluff, and finish on Fraiser, which will put them back at the Church. They feel this would involve more of the community. This event is on April 5, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The Mayor informed Mrs. Harmon that Main Street is part of 421, which is a Federal highway, and therefore they will not be able to use Main Street as part of their route. They will now go down the alley connected to the Church parking lot, to Ohio, to Bluff, and finish on Fraiser. Street Superintendent Doug Roberts will place barricades for the route.

4. National Homes - Kris Kersey

Kris Kersey, 518 Lakeland Avenue, addressed the Council with concerns with the safety of the storm drainage in this area. He would like to know if there is anything more the homeowners in this area can do to help this issue be resolved. He knows the Council is working on this issue. He wanted to know when the project will begin. Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer has turned in the grant application and the final application approval will be in June. He is unsure of the approval date, but is hoping to be able to start the project in the fall. Mayor Thompson advised Kris to supply a letter of support. Kris has an issue with his meter being in his driveway. He videoed last week students racing their cars down his street, going through water. Police Chief Curt Blount will address this issue.

Department Head Reports

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that he is working on scheduling Spring Clean Up. This will be the third or fourth trash collection weeks of April. They are working on limb and leaf pickup. He would like all citizens to rake to the front for pickup. He will be one man short for the next four to five weeks.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that everything is pretty normal. They had a mess at Rickey and Sixth Street with the Alliance Bank water line. The whole meter setting fell out, but this has been fixed.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that other than it's wet, it's normal for his department. He is getting ready to start his land application lab work. He sent off samples today. Once he get his new permit he will be able to land applicate anywhere he has permission. Other than that he is just trying to get the sewers dried out and back to normal.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that last week with the rains they went door to door at Bluewater and the residents were already leaving. This went really smooth. They completed tazer training last week. They are down to 7 out of the 24 applications for the Animal Warden/Ordinance Officer. These went out today for background checks. He hopes by this time next month he will have this position filled.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that his department was also out working the flood. They did rescue one man with his dog and cat. The attic is all insulated. The front wall of the basement is leaking, but it is just ground water. Their radios are installed. He is working

on the aerial project. The awards banquet is on April 16th at Brandywine. He is going to the Carroll County Council tomorrow to talk with them about the ambulance contract his department is proposing.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Thompson stated that Mitch had a busy day yesterday. A great group of kids from North Dakota, on their way to Washington D.C., did a lot of work at the Skate Park. Council Member Grace Oilar also spent most of the day there helping. It was a fun day.

Consideration of Proposed Agreement Between the City of Monticello and Umbaugh – Development of Operational and Capital Planning Model

Dan Hedden, H J Umbaugh, addressed the Council and stated that the background of this proposed agreement is a combination of several conversations that they have had over the years, but just all at different times with the City. In the past they have done water/sewer rate studies, bond issues, and helped with the budget. This proposal formalizes all that under one agreement. This will allow the City to do what they need to, which is to have all the information available to them in order to make the decisions they need to in order to move the City forward. This will be a model that can be updated annually. It will allow the Council to see any decision made and its effect on the larger picture of the City as a whole. This agreement will develop this model with first the water and sewer rate study and take the basis of the budget work last year and turn that into a longer term model. We would then roll into that the capital needs component that the City has developed separately. Fees were discussed. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the agreement between the City of Monticello and Umbaugh, seconded by Council Member Dave Kelly. Four ayes, motion carried.

Discussion of Spring Clean Up

Mayor Thompson stated that he felt that it would be a good idea to have Spring Clean Up in the fourth week of April on the regular trash collection days. This would get everyone through the Easter holiday. It was decided this would be Wednesday, April 22, 2009 and Thursday, April 23, 2009. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to have Spring Clean Up on the above dates and if it is agreeable with Jeff VanWheeldon, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. Four ayes, motion carried

Discussion of Telephone Stipend – Ordinance 2009-08 - Fire Department

Mayor Thompson stated that in the budget process it was decided to try a telephone stipend with the Fire Department and see how well it worked. The City will be saving some money. The City is not paying for their full cell phone use, only a portion. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2009-08, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. Four ayes, motion carried. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to approve Ordinance 2009-08, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. Four ayes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Council Member Grace Oilar requested check #44418 in the amount of \$540.75 be omitted from the accounts payables. She then made the motion to approve the rest of the claims as presented, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith. Four ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer